REMARKS

In the present paper, claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 18 and 21 have been amended, claims 11, 17, 19, 20 and 22 have been cancelled and new claims 23-27 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the specification, for example, at Page 1, line 19 through Page 2, line5; Page 9, line 7 through Page 10, line 7; Page 11, line 19 through Page 12, line 14; Figs. 3, 4 and 5. No new matter is believed to be added. Also, as five independent claims have been canceled and five new claims including two independent and three dependent claims have been added, no fee is believed to be required.

Statement With Regard to Claim Amendments and Cancellations Herein

The applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by the claims as originally filed and/or pending prior to this Amendment is not patentable. The cancellations and amendments to the claims herein are solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the application. The applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the claims, including subject matter encompassed by the claims as presented prior to this Amendment, as well as additional claims of alternative scope or subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

The specification has also been amended herein to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the application. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the applicants respectfully submit that the above claims recite allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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